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Assessment Requirements for ACMVET203

Assist with surgery preparation

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- prepared operating area appropriately on at least one occasion
- assisted with the preparation at least two different animals for surgery, including:
 - assisting with pre- and post-operative care for both animals
- cleaned operating area appropriately on a minimum of one occasion.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- practice policies and procedures, including work health and safety requirements related to surgical preparation, clean-up and the care of pre- and post-operative animals
- risks involved with working with animals in surgery, including:
 - animal bites, kicks, scratches and crush injuries
 - biological hazardous waste and sharps disposal
 - handling of chemicals and medicines
 - anaesthetic gas leakage
 - intraoperative radiology
 - inhalation of aerosol particles
 - intraocular contamination
 - manual handling, including carrying, lifting and shifting
 - sharps injuries
 - slippery or uneven work surfaces
 - zoonosis

- general theatre etiquette, dress rules and 'no-go' areas related to surgery preparation assistant role
- practice protocols for the storage, use and disposal of chemicals and biological debris from veterinary surgical procedures
- techniques used to transfer patients for surgical procedures
- range of equipment and surgical packs required in both the preparation, recovery and theatre areas, including:
 - anaesthetic equipment
 - bandaging
 - disposables
 - drapes
 - surgical instruments
 - sutures
- instrument processing and sterilisation procedures according to relevant Australian Standards
- autoclave operation
- aseptic techniques
- factors affecting sterility
- veterinary terminology related to patient observations
- methods used to monitor a general range of vital signs of animals serviced at the nominated practice, including:
 - pulse rate and quality
 - respiration rate and effort
 - temperature
 - capillary refill time
 - mucous membrane colour
 - heart rate
- signs of pain that may be audible, visual or measured
- pain scoring systems
- post-surgical cleaning of animals
- post-surgical equipment storage requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - in the workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary clinic
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of real animals
 - equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary hospital
- specifications:

- access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with a registered veterinarian or minimum of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>